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REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the Amendment filed July 28, 2004, in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2004. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the helpful comments made on October 12, 2004, during a telephone conference with Applicants' representative. Applicant's respectfully request another phone conference with the Examiner prior to the issuance of a first action in response to the present request for continued examination.

Subsequent to the entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 8-16, 17, 18, 60, 64, 65, 75, 77, 78, 79 and 80 are pending and at issue. These amendments and additions add no new matter as the claim language is fully supported by the specification and original claims.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect respectfully is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

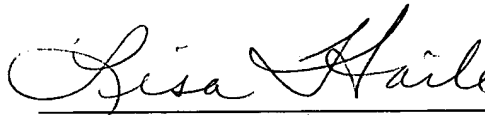
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Enclosed is Check No. 567437 in the total amount of \$610.00; which consists of \$395.00 for the Request for Continued Examination fee and \$215.00 for the two-month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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